

Docket No.: 202048USO



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE  
VITALIY LIVSHITS ET AL :  
SERIAL NO.: 09/761,782 :  
FILED: JANUARY 18, 2001 :  
FOR: MUTANT ILVH GENE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-VALINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed June 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at page 29-33.

Page 37 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 9 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the